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TIM'S BITS

Following on from the government change in COVID restrictions on 12 April we are pleased to be able to resume Scouting activities both outdoors and indoors. Although social distancing and general COVID rules restrict some activities and numbers indoors, we as a District have risen to the challenge.

Most Groups have resumed face-to-face meetings and those that haven't yet are close to doing so. I am excited to be able to get out and about and start to visit sections once again. I have a pile of presentations to catch up with too!

I was lucky enough to be able to spend the second week of the Easter break at our District campsite, Roverdene. Sadly, we were unable to camp but Chaldon group held a week's activities across all sections. Penny organised the week and I look forward to her report and photos in our next newsletter.

The really big news for the District is the resumption of Explorer Scouts after the prolonged COVID break. We resumed on 30 April with a large number of the existing unit returning, along with a good number of

new Explorer Scouts. There will be two units, one based at 12th Caterham's HQ and one based at 1st Warlingham's HQ. I hope to give more information along with an introductory report in our next newsletter.

Sadly, for the second consecutive year we were unable to hold a parade for St George's Day. We did, however, present a Scouts Own service via Zoom, led by David

Marshall-Jones, with around 130-150 individuals attending. The service went well, let's hope that St George's Day 2022 will be a great day for what I hope will be a return to a normal parade.

As we head towards the AGM season I look forward to seeing many of you either via Zoom or hopefully face to face.

Tim Evans, District Commissioner

ROVERDENE WORKING PARTY



On Saturday 10 April there was a working party at Roverdene where about 12 people came and began to make a difference to the site. The toilets had had a flood and much time was spent by Andy and Matthew getting them back up and useable again, not only on the Saturday but during the week as well.

One group started making new seating in the campfire circle, which is beginning to look very good. Another group helped

Matthew cement new supports for the pole outside the front gate and generally did some tidying around the toilet block.

A third group cleared the campfire area near the garage, removing an amazing amount of rubbish including old metal, cans, glass bottles, etc. and had a bonfire getting rid of much of the seating. New seating will arrive later. This group also cooked a lunch of burgers and sausages, which was great.

Peter Hoare uncovered a parking area near the front gate for use when the site is particularly muddy. Hopefully this will now be kept clear regularly.

Also, as you can see, our chairman had a fab time cutting the grass. I have never seen him so animated and happy. Super picture, thanks Maisie!

Lastly in writing this report I would like to thank all those who came and helped. It makes such a difference and the site is looking really good with the bluebells beginning to grow. Thanks also to Matthew for his continued work at Roverdene.

Gwen Hoare, Roverdene Bookings/District Secretary

NEW EXPLORER UNIT



From Friday 30 April 2021 a new Caterham District Explorers Unit will start at The Hut in Mint Walk, Warlingham. Explorers are a go-getting group of young people aged 14 to 18. Together, they make up the fourth section of the Scouts. Week in and week out, they gather in groups called Units to try new things, make new friends and conquer the small task of changing the world.

Being an Explorer is all about discovering the world on your own terms and making the most of what you have, wherever and whoever you are. Alongside your new friends, you'll master the skills that will make you feel stronger and happier in the long run and try things you'd never get the chance to do at home or at school.

You'll be responsible for working with adult volunteers to develop your own programme of activities each week. As an Explorer you'll also have the opportunity to become a Young Leader through the Explorer Scout Young Leader's Scheme, to get some hands-on experience volunteering with the younger sections.

The new Unit will be one of two in Caterham District. The other will also run on Fridays but at 12th Caterham (Parsons Pightle) Scout Hut in Old Coulsdon. As these are both District functions anyone

who is an Explorer member can go to either Unit whenever they want.

The Unit based at The Hut in Warlingham will meet every Friday from 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm (this will overlap with Scouts by 30 minutes so we will look to you to possibly assist in running or joining in with some activities with the Scouts in that period).

The Unit based in Old Coulsdon will run every other Friday from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm and will be separate from the Scouting section there. At times we expect joint activities between the two Units to be organised.

As an older Scout or perhaps someone who is too old for Scouts now, would you be interested in joining us? Would any of your friends also like to try us out? The Unit is open to anyone not just previous Scouts from 1st Warlingham! Please let us know if you're interested by replying to 1stWarlinghamScouts2@gmail.com

Finally, to make this a success we are also looking for adult volunteers to join and support this new section – is that something your parents or guardians could do? If so, then please get them to contact us directly at 1stWarlinghamScouts2@gmail.com

Richard and Hugh

DISTRICT CANAL WEEKENDS 2022



Unfortunately, the District canal trips that were planned for last year (2020) and that we had planned for this year (2021) have had to be put on hold. We had made bookings for 2022 and we look forward to welcoming you back on board then. So please bear with us for the time being and look out for the booking news in Spring next year.

John Tobin, Canal trip organiser



1st Woldingham



1st Woldingham Scouts continue to have lots of fun through a great variety of activities! In March, the cakes and cards made for Mother's Day were an excellent opportunity for members to show their appreciation to the special women in their life.

A variety of seeds were planted, with incentives to grow flowers and vegetables that stand out from the crowd, such as being the biggest, the strangest looking the most beautiful pumpkins, the tallest sunflower, etc. They also presented their Digital Maker projects having made computer-animated cartoons.

In April we have enjoyed being able to get back to face-to-face Scouting. The Easter weekend was an opportunity for two exciting events. On Good Friday the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts participated in a cross-country fun run around the fields at Warren Barn Farm, where most members opted to complete the challenging 4.5km route. All runners were rewarded with a

well-earned prize. As always, there was great support from parents who helped as course marshals.



On Easter Sunday, an Easter egg hunt using the What3Words navigation aid was set up. 36 young people in their family groups explored the AONB in glorious sunshine while seeking the trove of chocolate eggs.

Also in April, members completed level 1 or level 2 cycling proficiency training around the village – you may have seen them practising their signals and manoeuvring! With great thanks to Woldingham Village Hall and Woodlea Primary School for allowing their grounds to be used for this training. We also managed to visit Harrison Rocks for an outdoors rock climbing and scrambling session, which provided the opportunity for members to challenge themselves while receiving expert tuition. We will start May with a coastal foraging session, with a promise from the resident expert forager of steamed limpets and seaweed cooked on the beach for lunch. Yummy!

Abigail Paton, Group Secretary

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Please submit your articles for the June edition to Susan Dobson at Editor@Caterham-Scouts.org.uk by Wednesday 26 May. Photographs are welcomed, although we cannot guarantee to include everything.

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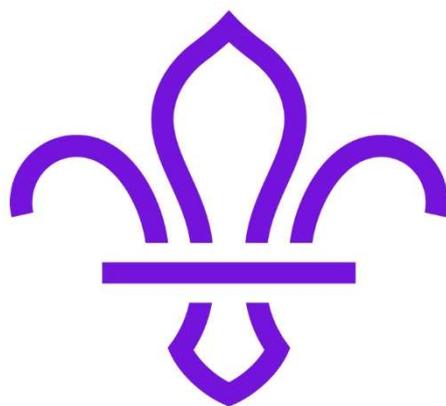
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